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1. On 24 May 1953 the Communications Department of the Kwangsi Provincial Government instructed the Kwangsi Transportation Bureau to adjust the means of transportation in accord with the following program to be effective until 31 August 1953:
 - a. Large cities close to rail lines were to always retain a sufficient number of motor vehicles, up to the maximum of forty for each city, to meet the city's communication and transshipment needs.
 - b. Bus services on main highways were to maintain vehicles sufficient to complete one trip in each direction daily. If, for example, travel between Nanning (N 22-48, E 108-18) and Ch'inchou (N 21-58, E 108-37) required two days, bus services on this highway should maintain four motor vehicles.
 - c. Wherever water navigation was available, branch highways adjacent to the rivers were to discontinue regularly scheduled motor car service. Water transportation was to be used as much as possible.
 - d. Effective 1 June 1953 water transport was to be used as much as possible for shipment of Kwangsi cargoes. A total of 2,723 vessels, with a total capacity of 77,400 tons, were available for transport. The towing capacity of Kwangsi motor vessels was 1,400 ton-kilometers each day upstream and 3,700 ton-kilometers each day downstream.
 - e. Both urban and rural residents were to use hand carts for land transport and were to be prohibited from using motor vehicles.

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2. The Kwangsi Transportation Bureau estimated that implementation of the program would release approximately 3,000 motor vehicles for cargo transport in other provinces and for transporting Chinese Communist supplies in support of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

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